

B/BL/HL Action Item Responses

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Action Item 3 -- Information on how assignment of growth targets determined

Growth targets were first established in 1996 as part of the City's response to the Washington State Growth Management Act. They are reset at the County and City level every seven years, and provide 20-year planning estimates of growth. They represent the city's commitment to accommodate its share of King County's projected 20-year population and employment growth. The current 2024 targets were set in 2004. Seattle will adopt new growth targets in 2011 when it adopts required updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

The process of setting growth estimates begins with the State Office of Financial Management providing 20-year growth estimates of population for each county. In King County, a committee of representatives from different jurisdictions is established to translate future population into future housing units and employment and allocate those estimates to each city. Guidance for the 2011 city level estimates was provided by the new regional land use plan, Vision 2040, developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council. This plan lays out the desired distribution of population, housing and employment by six regional geographies. Seattle and Bellevue comprise the metropolitan cities in King County which are designated to receive between 40-45% of the county's growth expected to 2040. Using this distribution of growth as a goal, the committee allocated growth estimates to each city based on its regional geography classification and relative ability to accommodate growth.

The Comp Plan's urban village strategy directs Seattle's growth share primarily to urban centers and urban villages. The greatest share of residential and job growth will be accommodated in the six urban centers - areas already characterized by significant density and the greatest access to the regional transit. The next largest share of residential and job growth will be distributed among the hub urban villages in order to concentrate jobs and services near where people live. Residential urban villages have housing targets, but not employment targets. Growth in industrial jobs will be accommodated primarily within the two manufacturing/ industrial centers. Modest growth will also occur in areas outside centers and villages.

Seattle Targets for the General Distribution of Growth

Location	% of Citywide Residential Growth	% of Citywide Employment Growth
In urban centers	58%	73%
In manufacturing/industrial centers	No housing target	14%
In hub and residential urban villages	25%	No targets for residential urban villages; hub urban villages only: 5%
Remainder of city	16%	No specific target

20 Year growth Planning Estimate

The 20-year growth planning estimates for Seattle are 68,800 housing units and 117,360 jobs. These will be adopted (and a baseline established) when the Comprehensive Plan Update is amended.

Action Item 4 -- Neighborhood Plan Implementation

Between approximately 2000 and the first quarter of 2009, the Department of Neighborhood maintained a database and worked with other City departments to chart progress implementing neighborhood plan recommendations. Due to budget consideration DON stopped updating the database in 2009. The following is a report from that database at that time.

http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/static/Broadview%20Bitterlake_LatestReleased_DPDPo17722.xls

Action Item 5 -- Info on how something can be deleted from the original plan

Neighborhood Plans goals and policies are adopted into the comprehensive plan and can be changed through City ordinance during the Comp Plan amendment cycles.

Recommendations can be changed during the update by including appropriate recommendations in the action plan.